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SENATOR CARPENTER: Well, Mr. President, I move that the Chair rule that we get in the regular order of business.

PRESIDENT: Well, Senator, I think his motion is in order and that is, Senator Whitney's motion is or was properly submitted here and that is that we suspend the rules. Now, you can vote one way or another but I don't think the Chair can overrule that particular motion, Senator.

SENATOR CARPENTER: I move then that we....

PRESIDENT: You just want to go ahead and....

SENATOR CARPENTER: Move the question. Let's....for example, if we get on this thing, we've got a chain reaction. Now, I'm one of the worst offenders in this Body. I can only apologize for it. But let's not start another chain reaction in the morning. Now, all we're going to do is talk, talk, talk, and I believe in talking but somewhere along the line, we have to do something. We're running out of time so whatever is necessary, Mr. Chairman, let us do something.

PRESIDENT: Check. Senator Whitney, do you have any closing on your motion? Senator Whitney is closing then.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Senator Barnett still has more time. He can do it tomorrow or the next day on his trying to over....

PRESIDENT: Reconsideration.

SENATOR WHITNEY: Reconsider something so let's just take a vote and get it over with.

PRESIDENT: All right, the question is, do you want to suspend the rules and take up, go straight to General File and Senator Whitney, does the Chair understand that would be for the discussion of the budget bills which are now at the head of General File?

SENATOR WHITNEY: Yes, the rules say that the budget bills should have precedent, should have priority. And that's all I'm doing is try to observe the rules and get us on the road.

PRESIDENT: I want to make it clear to the Body. The question is now, do you want to suspend the rules, go straight to General File. If you do, vote aye. If not, vote no. This would take 30 votes. Have you all voted? Once again, have you all voted? The motion is to suspend the rules and go right to General File. Take up the budget bills. I'll wait for you, Senator Fellman. Clerk will record.

CLERK: 13 ayes, 15 nays.

PRESIDENT: Thank you, the motion fails. It means we'll go down the regular action unless we have something else pop up. All right, do we have....we'll take the bills on Final Reading. Once again, the Chair has to entreaty you to please take your seats. First bill on Final Reading will be LB625.

CLERK: Mr. President, we have a request for unanimous consent to correct the Journal by Senator Murphy. It's to correct an error in an amendment found on page 1179, to insert the word "except" before "in". Unanimous consent request.